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—*GEORGE WASHINGTON, in a letter to the Hebrew Congregations of Savannah, Ga.*

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THIS SEMINAR has been organized to secure national consideration of some of the important questions of community relations which this Conference has discussed in city and collegiate seminars throughout the continent. The National Seminar will emphasize the study and the educational processes by which justice, amity, and understanding can be advanced between the cultural groups that comprise America.

The Seminar does not seek to win tolerance at the cost of indifference, nor to water down diversifying tenets of faith.

Participants in the Seminar will be expected to enlist in an active and effortful exploration of the real problems as met in the community life of the United States and Canada. The danger of letting talk spend itself in mere affirmations of goodwill, will be avoided.

The Seminar is designed in consecutive steps, having in mind specific work to be done. Moreover, the enterprise is planned as a rounded educational experience. For these two reasons a consecutive attendance is urged for all who attend.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SEMINAR is open to all those who are interested in the subject matter outlined in the program printed on page three. Payment of a small registration fee is required in order that all may share in the expense of the program, the printed data book, and the report of the proceedings.

A SOURCE BOOK will be mailed prior to the Seminar to all who register in advance in order to achieve as thorough as possible a discussion of the issues and problems on the program.

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PROGRAM

Monday, March 7:

1:30 P. M.

A General Discussion, "Situations In American Communities." C. E. Silcox, *Institute of Social and Religious Research, Toronto,* presiding.

The purpose of this session is to present the facts, and to secure an understanding of the main elements in inter-group relations in American communities.

3:00 P. M.

The Seminar will divide into small round tables for continued discussion, thus permitting all to participate.

4:15 P. M. Addresses:

"My Expectations of the Seminar", Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, *Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, Protestant Episcopal Church.*

"The Values of Community Co-operation", Rev. Francis J. Hass, Ph.D., *Director, National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington.*

"The Significance of the Inter-group Movement", Rabbi Abram Simon, *The Washington Hebrew Congregation.*

7:30 P. M.

"U-Table." A general session in which several representative Jews, Catholics, and Protestants; clergy, educators, social scientists, will discuss more extensively some of the main problems and issues emerging from the afternoon sessions.

Professor William H. Kilpatrick, *Teachers College, New York*, presiding.

Tuesday, March 8:

9:00 A. M.

General Discussion, "The Elements of a Constructive Program for Improving Inter-group Relations." Professor William H. Kilpatrick, presiding.

The Seminar will divide into small round-tables later in the forenoon.

12:30 P. M.

Luncheon. Address, "Historical Backgrounds for the Discussion of Inter-Group Relations," by Carlton J. H. Hayes, *Professor of History, Columbia University.*

3:00 P. M. Addresses:

"The American Experience with Religious Freedom," by Evarts B. Greene, *Professor of American History, Columbia University; recently President of the American Historical Association.*

"A Minority Group Views the American Religious Scene," by Dr. Cyrus Adler, *President of the American Jewish Committee; President of the Jewish Theological Seminary.*

7:30 P. M.

"U-Table." A general session with a "U-Table" for more thorough consideration of the proposals emerging from the discussions of the day.

Wednesday, March 9:

9:30 A. M.

Section Meetings, to consider the details of programs needed, and how programs are to be carried out.

SECTION MEETINGS, DEALING WITH THE SEMINAR TOPIC IN SPECIFIC FIELDS

I

What Should Be Done in Church Schools? Dr. Henry H. Meyer, *Boston University School of Theology,* Chairman.

II

What Should Be Done in Public Schools? Dr. James E. Shea, *Principal, Lincoln High School, Syracuse, N. Y.,* Chairman.

III

What Should Women's Organizations Do? Mrs. Estelle M. Sternberger, *National Council of Jewish Women,* Chairman.

IV

What Should Be Done in Preparatory Schools? Dr. Joel B. Hayden, *Western Reserve Academy,* Chairman.

V

The Community Seminar or Round Table. Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, *Temple Israel, St. Louis,* Chairman.

VI

Co-operative Religious Work in Institutions of Higher Learning. Dr. Robert L. Kelly, *Executive Secretary, American Association of Colleges,* Chairman.

VII

Programs for Students and Faculty of Theological Seminaries. Prof. Wm. Adams Brown, *Union Seminary,* Chairman.

VIII

Specific Tasks of "Younger Clergy," Rev. Russell J. Clinchy, *Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, Washington,* Chairman.

IX

Preaching and Its Inter-Group Effects. Rabbi Morris Lazaron, *Baltimore Hebrew Congregation,* Chairman.

X

Journalism and Its Effects on Inter-Group Attitudes. John Van Schaick, *Editor, The Christian Leader,* Chairman.

12:30 P. M.

Luncheon. "The Part of the Press in the Movement for Improving Inter-Group Relations." Addresses by:

Robert B. Ashworth, *member, Federal Council of Churches; Editor of "The Baptist",* presiding.

Byron Price, *Washington Chief of Staff, The Associated Press.*

Michael Williams, *of the Calvert Associates; Editor of "The Commonweal."*

Alfred M. Cohen, *President of B'nai B'rith; Editor of B'nai B'rith Magazine."*

4:00 P. M.

Second Session of Section Meetings, under topics listed above.

7:30 P. M.

Mr. Roger W. Straus, *of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations,* Presiding.

Brief Summary and Interpretation of Round Table Discussions.

Miss Rhoda E. McCulloch, Editor of The Woman's Press, New York.

Rabbi Solomon Goldman, Anshe Emet Congregation, Chicago.

Professor John A. Lapp, Marquette University, Milwaukee.

Closing Address, by Hon. Newton D. Baker, *of Cleveland.*

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